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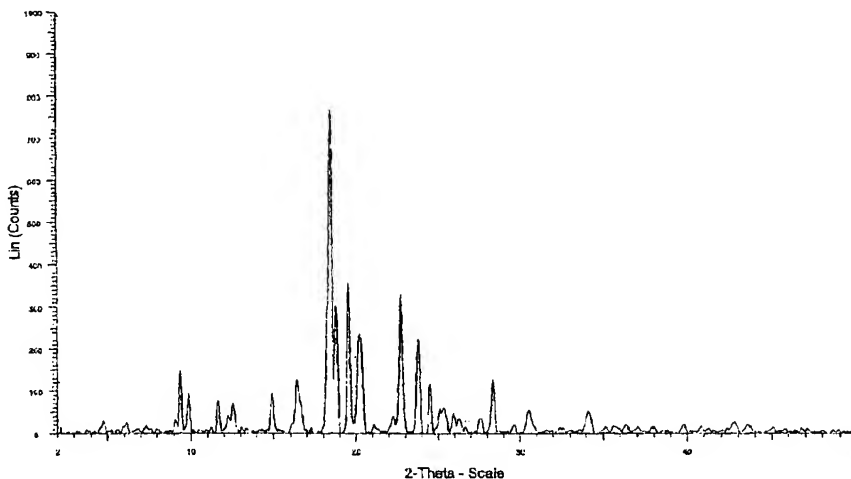
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a novel crystalline form of rupatadine free base, process for its preparation and to a pharmaceutical composition containing it. In accordance with the present invention rupatadine is suspended in n-hexane, n-heptane, cyclohexane, diethyl ether or diisopropyl ether, stirred for at least 1 hour, filtered the solid and dried to give crystalline rupatadine form-B. The isolation of novel rupatadine free base as crystalline form-B may be useful as a purification of rupatadine or a salt thereof.

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